

Mayor's Report

CC Meeting November 11, 2025

1. New Phone System – We have implemented a new phone system that will save approximately \$1500 or more per year and provide with more automation and handling of calls. When you call the main number, you will be answered with a list of options based on your need. Select the option to direct your call. The call will simultaneously ring the desk phone and cell phone of the designated person. If the call goes unanswered it will be directed to voicemail. The person receiving the voicemail will be notified and also emailed with the content of the voicemail. There is automation for after hours and holidays. You will have a better opportunity to reach the person you need to speak with.
2. Well 6 update. Wanda Drilling provided an estimate on the work to be performed to place a new casing inside of the old casing. Quote is for just under \$50K. This will include recommendation of adding an adapter to the top of the liner and then running 6" pipe all the way to the top of the well. This would allow the gravel pack to be extended significantly but also mitigate any further deterioration of the casing since the new liner pipe will act as casing. Wanda Drilling has ordered the new casing pipe and expects to begin pulling the existing column pipe very soon. Timing depends on the delivery of new casing.
3. Fire Department – Met with Commissioner Richardson, Fire Marshal Pate and Chief Irby about the proposed contracts for Rural Fire Protection and Fire Chiefs Association. My opinion is that the contracts are more representative of a memo of understanding. No clear definition of terms. No concern on their side. Disappointing.
4. Attended County Commissioners' Court where they voted on the new Rural Contracts for next year and the contract with Fire Chiefs Association for training facility and oversight of the rural contracts. County Commissioners' Court approved the new contracts. The county judge indicated that future rural funds would be directed to four department locations that can be manned by 2 persons 24/7. Those four departments will be responsible for responding to the rural parts of the county. Local department will still be able to respond but it is not clear if they will be compensated for rural responses. I am very disappointed in the direction of support for local fire departments. The money is very important and with no property tax or ESD tax, we are on our own to serve our community.
5. Attended TML Conference Ft Worth Oct 29-31. Good attendance. I am on the Small City Advisory Council as a representative of District 15. Small Cities are defined as 15,000 and under. We are in the bottom 3 in population. There were some good sessions aimed at small cities, but I will propose some changes for better distribution of information. Good session on code enforcement that provided some direction of Texas Code and how to proceed.

6. Fire Department – Rummage Sale and Spaghetti Dinner. Raised over \$5,000. Tremendous effort by all. Auxiliary and Fire Department personnel went above and beyond. The support of our community will be critical going forward as we continue to lose funding from county resources.
7. Culvert Program - Bubba Bogue is working with Water department to review and prioritize replacement and cleaning of culverts throughout the city. We are taking this time before the spring rains to make the best improvements we can with the equipment and tie allowed. PCT4 has indicated they may be selling a Gradall excavator very soon. Price range expected to be \$7K-\$10K. We are looking to inspect it later this week. Also looking at some equipment that can be attached to our existing excavator to provide mowing and brush clearing as part of our drainage program. Depending on the condition of the Gradall will have an impact on how we proceed.

Overall, you can reach out to me anytime. Email is best. My email and phone number are on the website.

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